

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: Xtra Fuels Inventory Number: ~~MD039~~ CH-975

Address: 9390 Crain Highway, Charles County - in the vicinity of Bel Air

Owner: Kenyon Oil Company Inc

Tax Parcel Number: 53 Tax Map Number: 64

Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: X no    yes Name:                      Date:                     

Eligibility recommended    Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria    A    B    C    D Considerations:    A    B    C    D    E    F    G X None

Is property located within a historic district?: X no    yes Name of District:                     

Is district listed?: X no    yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

9390 Crain Highway is a one-story service station. Rectangular in plan, this wood frame commercial building is clad with vertical wood siding and has a flat roof. The main entry is marked by engaged brick piers and a vertical projecting bay clad in vertical wood siding.

Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments contributed to the suburbanization of Charles County. The Robert Crain Highway, later expanded as part of U.S. 301, attracted new development to older communities along its corridor. This, in turn, encouraged commercial development in both entertainment establishments and travel-related services.

World War II and the increasing dependence upon motor vehicles played a very important role in community development. Charles County continued its relative isolation from large-scale residential and commercial development until after Crain Highway was dualized and designated U.S. 301 in the 1960s. Earlier trends in travel-related services and entertainment along the Crain Highway grew somewhat when the highway was extended across

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[Signature]  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

10/27/99  
Date

Reviewer, NR Program

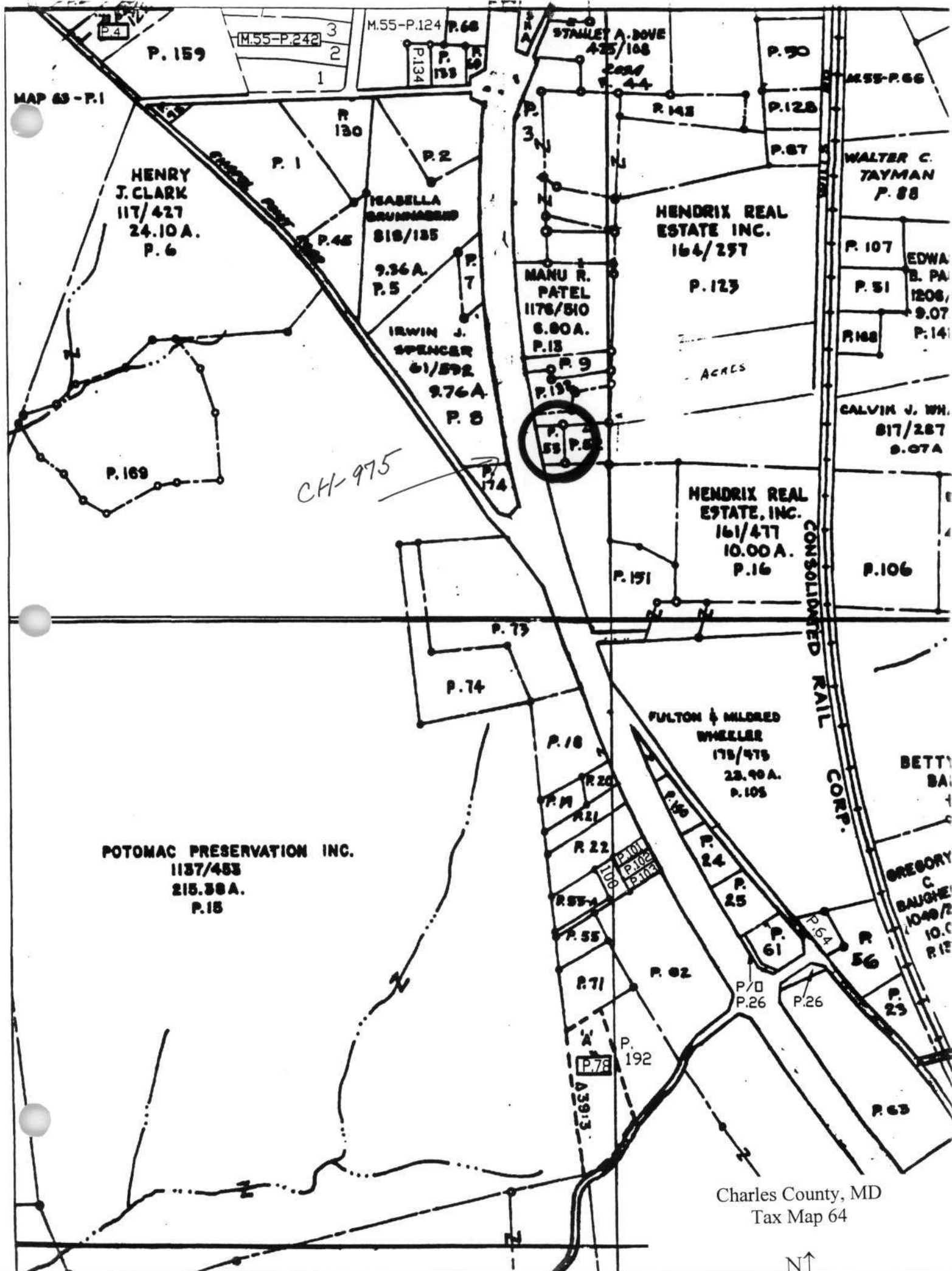
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the Potomac River to Virginia through southern Charles County and over the new Harry W. Nice Bridge in 1940, thus completing a route from New York to Florida.

Built circa 1945, this commercial building is not eligible for the National Register. While it is typical of the modest roadside development along U.S. 301, this resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.



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Tax Map 64

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(Charles  
County)

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Point Rd. (CH)

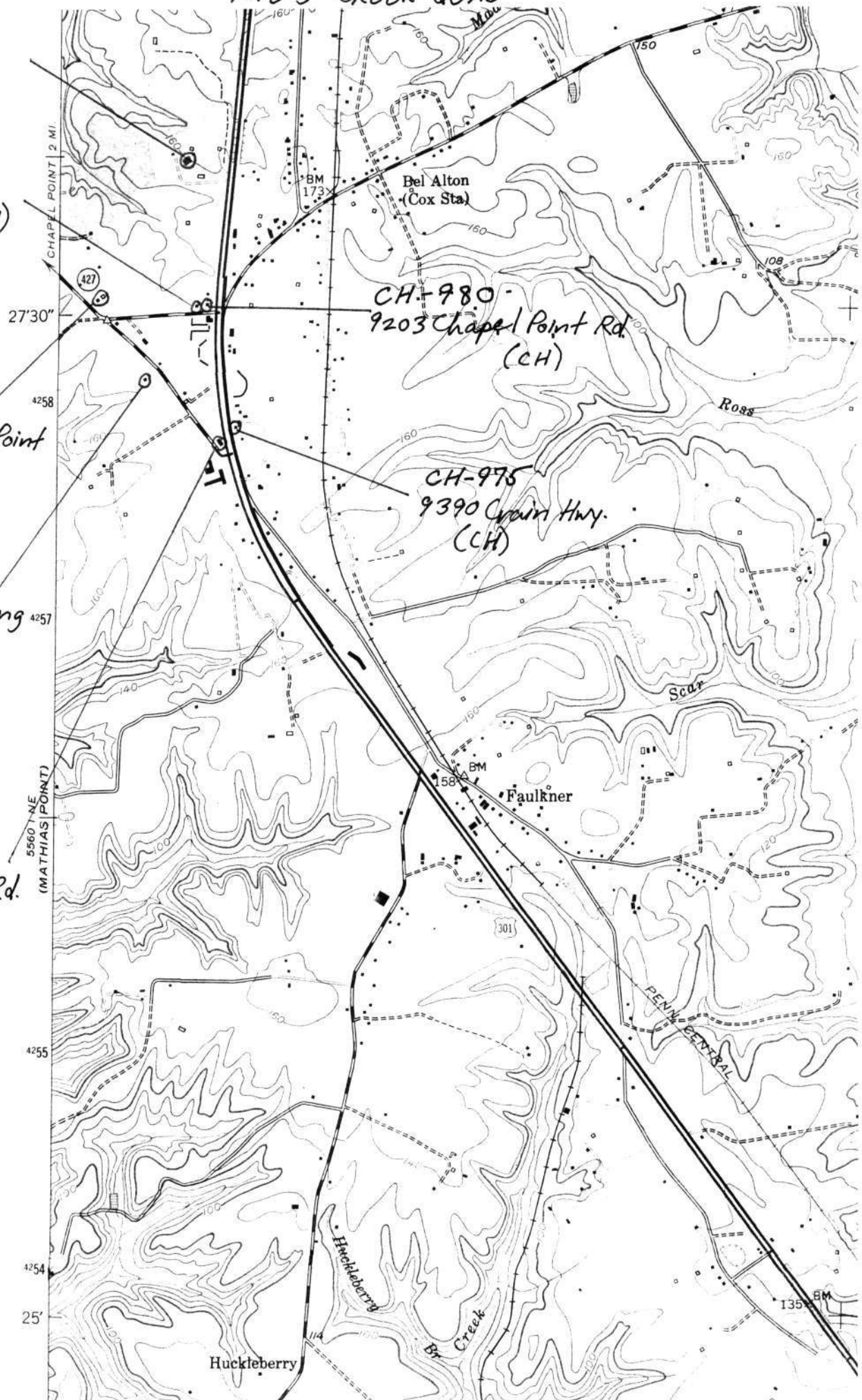
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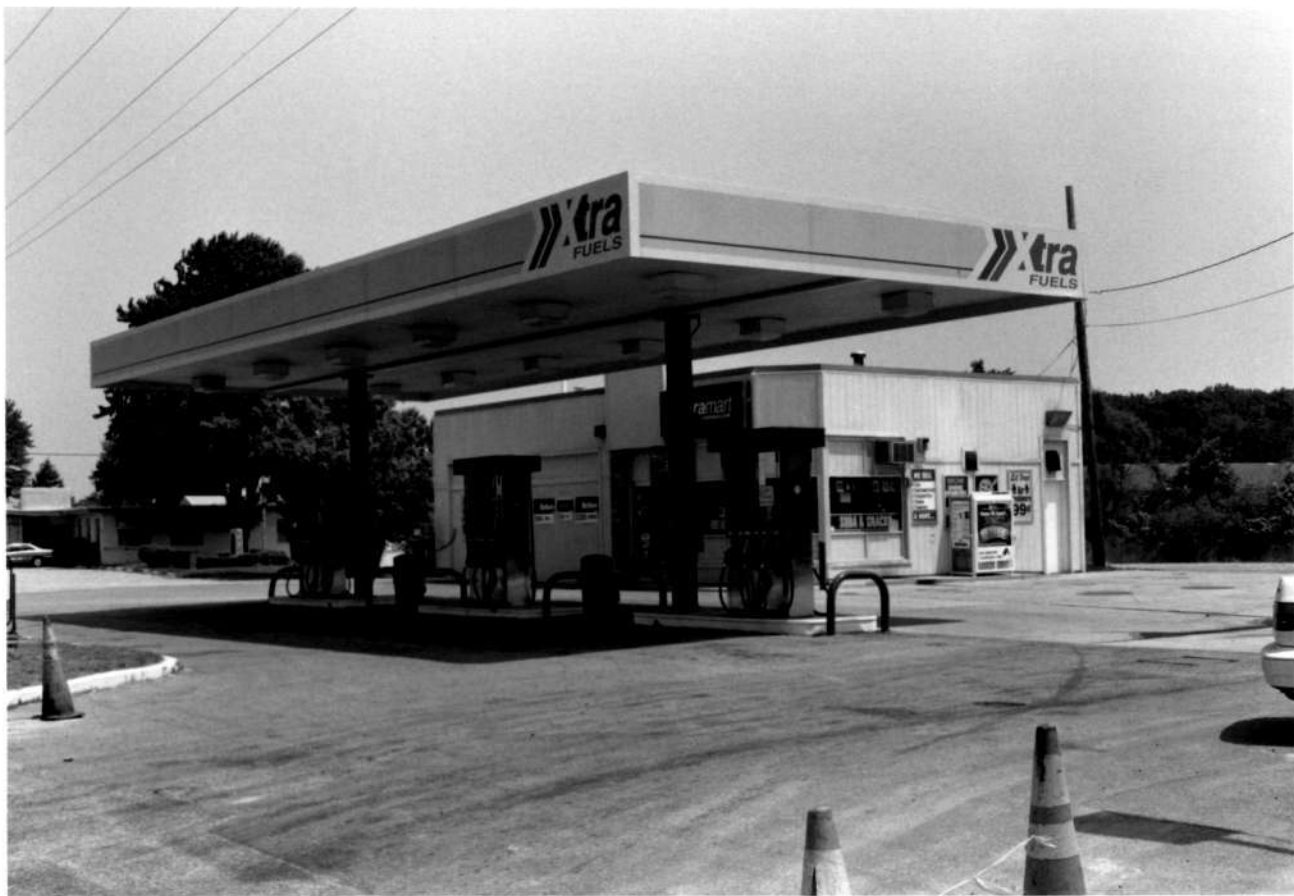
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Rd. (CH)

CH-961  
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(CH)

CH-980  
9203 Chapel Point Rd.  
(CH)

CH-975  
9390 Chapel Hwy.  
(CH)





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9390 Crain Highway  
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View looking Northeast  
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